(b) About 69 km. length of NH-4A and 139 km. length of NH-17 have been identified for 4 laning under NHDP Phase-III in Goa. Besides 18.3 km. length of NH-17B is being 4 laned under Port Connectivity.

Work on NH-31

2632. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expenditure Finance Committee note on the 2nd Revised Cost estimate for realignment of NH-31 from Falakata to Pundibari has been circulated for comments of the appraising agencies;

(b) if so, whether the agencies have submitted their opinion; and

(c) the steps being contemplated to ensure time-bound completion of the realignment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Expenditure Finance Committee note for 2nd Revised Cost estimate amounting to Rs. 6172.17 lakh for realignment of Falakata to Pundibari was circulated to appraising agencies. The comments of the appraising agencies have been received. The balance work can be taken up after sanction of the 2nd Revised Cost estimate. It may take about 2 years to complete the balance work after the award.

Proposals for Inland Water Transport Waterways

2633. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra had submitted thirteen proposals for Inland Water Transport Waterways, costing about Rs. 118.04 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of them that have since been approved indicating their approved cost; and

(d) the details of these proposals which are still pending and the progress made so far in respect thereof, when their proposals were mooted and the rasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) 13 proposals have been received by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) from Govt. of Maharashtra during 2003-04 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of inland waterways (details at Statement) (*See* below). Out of these, 6 proposals at a total cost of Rs. 22.58 crore have been approved by the Central Government and funds of the tune of Rs. 8.93 crore have also been released to State Govt. for the remaining 7 proposals costing Rs. 95.23 crore, clarifications have been sought from the state Government.

Statement

Details of proposals of Govt. of Maharashtra under Centrally Sponsored Scheme

S. No.	Name of Project	Cost (Rs. in cr.)
1	2	3
A	**Approved Proposals**	
1	Development of inland waterways from south Mumbai to Amba river/Dharamtar creek at Mandwa & vice versa	4.11
2	Development of inland waterways from south Mumbai to Amba river/Dharamtar creek at Karanja & vice versa	4.82
3.	Development of inland waterways in Mhasla/Mandad river (Rajpuri creek) at Rajpuri.	4.69
4	Development of inland waterways in Mhasla/Mandad river (Rajpuri creek) at Janjira Nanded	1.25
5	Development of inland waterways in Godavari river near Vishnupuri project, District Nanded	2.72
6	Development of inland waterways in Mhasla/Mandad river (Rajpuri creek) at Dighi.	4.99
	TOTAL	22.58

1	2	3
B	**Proposals on which clarifications have been sought from the State Government**	
1	Development of inland waterways from south Mumbai to amba river/Dharmatar creek at Rewas & vice versa.	2.97
2	Development of inland waterways in Mhasla/Mandad river (Rajpuri creek) at Agardanda.	3.35
3	Development of inland water transport for eco-tourism project at Isapur, district Yavatmal.	3.91
4	Development of inland water transport across Mumbai harbour (ferrywharf to Nerul & vice versa).	67.00
5	Development of amenities jetties at Elephente, Konkan coast and creeks along Konkan coast (Jaigad Sangemeshwar, Tarkarli—Kalaval).	8.00
6	Development of inland water transport for eco-tourism project along Koyna backwater.	5.00
7	Development of inland water transport for eco-tourism project along Arunavati river at taluka Digras, district Yavatmal.	5.00 95.23
	TOTAL	117.81

Rising number of Road Accidents

2634. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the number of accidents on highways is continuously increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents that occurred during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the number of persons killed and injured in these incidents, year-wise;

(d) total loss of property suffered in these incidents;

(e) the reasons for rise in number of road accidents; and

(f) the remedial steps taken by Government?